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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
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NUNOKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1624  
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Application No.: 09/424,059 ) Examiner: T. Truong  
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Filed: November 18, 1999 )  
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For: NF- $\kappa$ B INHIBITOR COMPRISING )  
PHENYLMETHYL )  
BENZOQUINONE AS AN ACTIVE )  
INGREDIENT )

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed January 12, 2001, kindly amend  
the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 18 with the following:

--The benzoquinone derivative of the general formula (1) that is used as an active  
ingredient of the present invention may be prepared according to the method described in  
Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 62 (1987)-286949 or Chem. Pharm.  
Bull., 44(1): 139-144 (1996) or a method based thereupon. The compound represented by  
the general formula (I) of Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 62-286949 can be  
produced, for example, by the following methods:

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